

II) REMARKS/ARGUMENT

a) Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 112

In the Office Action dated January 25th 2005, claims 6, 21, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The examiner stated that:

- 1) There was no antecedent reference for the “elastomer” in claim 6;
- 2) In claim 21 there was no antecedent reference for the “anchor body”; and
- 3) There was no antecedent reference for the “attachment plate” in claim 27.

In response the Applicant has corrected the above referenced claims in order to provide for the proper antecedent reference for the identified terms.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is therefore requested.

b) Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 102

In the above referenced Office Action, claim 28 was allowed but claims 1, 3, 7, 10, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adams 5,657, 955 (newly cited), and claims 1 and 8 were similarly rejected as being anticipated by Adler D134, 108 (newly cited).

Claims 2, 4, 5, 11-20, and 22-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 1) but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has withdrawn claim 4 and has amended claim 1 to include all the limitations presented in the original claim 1, but further comprising the limitation that a vibration

characteristic of the dampening device is matched to a vibration characteristic of a component of the bow. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Adler nor Adams teaches or suggests the device as recited in the currently amended claim 1.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is therefore requested.

III) CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all claims presently on file in the subject application are in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If it is felt for ant reason that direct communication with applicant's attorney would serve to advance prosecution in this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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